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Mr. Russ Kanz, Staff Environmental Scientist
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, Ca. 95812-2000

February 12, 2010

Re: Draft Water Quality Certification Oroville Facilities, FERC #2100

Dear Mr. Kanz,

Please accept the Oroville Recreation Advisory Committee's (ORAC) recommendation to approve the application from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for water certification in the above referenced matter. ORAC is supportive of the requirements and Fish Hatchery salmon mitigations as detailed in the Water Quality Certification.

The approval of the certificate and the issuance of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license will allow the funding of the Supplemental Benefits Fund (SBF) that is detailed in Appendix B of the Settlement agreement for the licensing of the Oroville Facilities which was signed by over fifty (50) stakeholders, including ORAC on March 21, 2006.

The funding of the SBF provided by the Settlement Agreement will allow the Oroville Region to move forward in selecting economic and recreational projects that are intended to mitigate the impact of the Lake Oroville Facilities. The SBF was the culmination of a six-year collaborative process between DWR and the stakeholder groups representing hundreds of interests to benefit environmental, recreational, cultural, land use and operations resources.

We encourage a timely approval to DWR's certification application which is consistent to the Settlement Agreement.

Sincerely,



Kevin Zeitler
ORAC Chair